

President.—Yes. Any specific instance in which it was and for refused?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.No.

Tenders for the Chirakkal Bridge.

13. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the principle on which tenders are accepted by the Public Works Department;

(b) the names of the tenderers for the Chirakkal bridge with the rates of each;

(c) whether the tender finally accepted by the Government was the lowest; if so, the rates thereof with the name of the tenderer?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Tenders are accepted by the Public Works Department under the provisions of Article 98, *the P. W. Code*.

(b) 1. K. V. Inasu .. 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ % less than estimated rates

2. M. L. Ouseph .. 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ % do

3. A. S. Mahadeva Ayyar 5 % do

4. C. D. Chakku .. 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ % do

5. K. V. Chakku .. 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ % do

6. Naicken Govindan .. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ % less than estimated rates

Raman .. do

7. N. O. Inasu .. 7% do

8. Francis Menacheri .. Estimated rates

9. V. K. Narayanan .. 5% less

Ezhuttassan ..

(c) Mr. N. O. Inasu's tender at 7% less was accepted. His tender was the lowest among those who had experience of bridge works.

Groynes in the Kurumali River.

14. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the amount sanctioned for putting up groynes at Adilakuzhi in the Kurumali river;

(b) the exact objects for which they are put;

(c) whether any of them gave way; if so, the loss sustained by Government on that account?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Rs. 6,200.

(b) For the protection of the river embankment at Adilakuzhi curve adjoining the Chalakkudi road. It may be said that breaches to this curve have to be prevented to ensure safety to the road and the Railway line.

(c) A small portion of the first groyne was damaged by the knocking of floating logs and bamboo clusters. There was, however, no loss worth mentioning, the repairs costing not more than Rs. 30.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—These groynes are for the protection of the river embankment at Adilakuzhi curve. Was there any damage caused to the embankment during the biggest flood of 1101?

President.—That was in 1099, not in 1101.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The embankments became weaker after the flood.

The Thannikkudam Project.

15. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the exact amount spent till now on the Thannikkudam project and how the investigations now stand?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The expenditure till now amounts to Rs. 1,483—2—3. A report on the investigation and survey made so far was submitted by the Chief Engineer, and a detailed investigation has been ordered.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—A detailed investigation has been ordered by whom?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—By the Government.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Who conducts the investigation?

President.—The Public Works Department.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is the Chief Engineer to conduct the investigation again?

President.—Yes. The first is a general report, and the second is a report on the detailed investigation. The investigation shall be conducted again.

The defalcation of Stamps in the Excise Superintendent's Office.

16. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there was recently any defalcation of stamps in the Excise Superintendent's Office;

(b) what inquiries have been made in the matter; what is the report as a result of the enquiry;

(c) what is the action taken by the Departmental Head or the Government?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—(a) There was an allegation of misappropriation of stamps.

(b) Certain persons have been examined. The enquiry is proceeding and is not complete.